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UNITED PRESS.

By Telegraph

3.30 O'CLOCK.

The Bond Bill Amended.

GREEN BACKS MUST GO.

Dunraven's Charges Begun.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

BOND BILL AMENDED.

Gold Notes Must Go if the Measure Now
Passes.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Opposition to
the bond bill, which developed with un-
expected rapidity among Republicans in
the house yesterday resulted in the bill's
amendment by the ways and means com-
mittee this morning so as to provide for
the retirement of the legal tender notes.

The "implied" retirement of these notes
caused much hostility to the measure
among sound money Republicans. This
revision gives Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Car-
lisle what they have wanted—the disap-
pearance of the greenbacks.

The action of the committee today is
regarded as nullifying this hostility of
Republican members and it is claimed
insures the passage of the bill in the
house. Another amendment was ordered
by the committee today and provides that
the bonds shall be payable in fifteen years
after their issues.

The house after noon by a vote of 195 to
101 has decided that the vote on the pas-
sage of the bond bill shall be taken at 3
o'clock tomorrow.

DUNRAVEN'S CHARGES.

Profound Secrecy in the Hearing Begun
This Morning.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The special com-
mittee of the New York Yacht club, to
which has been delegated the investiga-
tion of the charges preferred by Lord
Dunraven against the Defender syndi-
cate met at 10.30 o'clock this morning
with closed doors in the New York Yacht
club house. Lord Dunraven, with his
counsel, G. R. Asquith, Rear-Commodore
Arthur Glennie, of the Royal Portsmouth
Yacht club and Joseph H. Choate, coun-
sel for the Defender syndicate, were
among those in attendance. The report-
ers and even members of the club who
were not on the committee were excluded
from the meeting room.

VERMONT'S APRIL FLOWERS.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt., Dec. 27.—The
lumbering interests throughout the state
are at a complete standstill, causing much
loss. All roads are mud deep, some of
them impassable. In some sections of the
state plowing and seeding has been done
this week by farmers. The warm weather
starts buds and vegetation. "April" flowers
are blossoming and no frost has been
here for over a week.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Dynamite Shakes Up All Chicago and
Vicinity.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A terrific vibration
of the earth frightened people of Chicago
and country for fifty miles around at 4
o'clock this morning. The commotion
was caused by a great blast of a magazine
containing 2000 pounds of dynamite on
the drainage canal at Lockport, thirty
miles south of this city. Reports indicate
that the whole north-eastern part of Illi-
nois experienced the shock and attendant
fright. No one was injured.

TERRIFIC GALE AT NEW HAVEN

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27.—A terrific
gale struck this city about 1 o'clock and
lasted until 5 this morning. Many tele-
graph and a few telephone wires are
blown down. Several elms nearly a
century old were torn up and much win-
dow glass was broken.

SENATE WANTS A RECESS.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The senators
have been discussing the possibility of yet
getting a short holiday vacation. After
the tariff and bond bill come in from the
lower house, the senate expects to let
them lie over for a few days.

\$1,000,000 IN GOLD TO GO.

[Special dispatch to the Transcript.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Lazard Freres
will ship \$1,000,000 in gold to Europe to-
morrow.

BIG CHICAGO FIRE.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A fire early this
morning destroyed the Pullman flats in
Hyde Park. The loss is very heavy.

—N. J. Caron has resigned his position
as clerk in Sherman & Plumb's grocery
store, the resignation to take effect Janu-
ary 1. Mr. Caron has worked in the store
continuously for thirteen years, having
been with Keyes & Jewett, Samuel Keyes,
J. F. Dinkel & Co., and F. D. Allen & Co.

New York Market.

[Closing Quotations, 3 p. m.]

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Central of New Jersey 109 1/2

Chesapeake & Ohio 15 3/8

Rocking Valley 37

Chicago & Northwestern 38

O. B. & Q. 74 3/4

Chicago Gas 65 1/4

St. Paul 87

Rock Island 15 1/2

Chicago, St. P. M. & O. 37

C. C. & St. L. 36 1/2

Con. Gas 149 1/2

Pack. Ind. 125 1/2

Del. & L. W. 169 3/8

D. & C. Road 15 3/8

Gen. Electric 25 1/4

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Manhattan 109 1/2

M. K. & T. Com. 11 1/2

M. K. & T. Pres. 34 3/8

Missouri Pacific 34 1/2

National Lead 24 1/2

New England 15 1/8

N. Y. Central 13 1/2

Ont. & West. 25 1/2

St. P. & W. 12 1/2

Pub. & Reading 4 7/8

Pullman 8 7/8

Southern Railway common 25 3/4

Ten. Coal & Iron 23 3/4

Texas Pacific 41 1/4

Union Pacific 41 1/4

U. S. Rubber 10

U. S. Leather common 10 1/2

Wabash pref. 15 3/8

Western Union 35 3/8

Wheeling & Lake Erie 10

Chicago Markets.

Wheat—Dec. 54½, May 77½.

Corn—Dec. 26½, May 27½.

Oats—Dec. 17, May 18½.

Barley—Dec. 18, May 19.

Lard—Jan. 6.25, May 6.47.

Cotton.

Dec. 7.72, Jan. 7.89.

Opening 7.72

Closing 7.89

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Town Clerk Charles S. Brooker is at
work preparing the annual town report.

—Miss Stella Cady gave a tea party to a
number of young ladies this afternoon in
honor of three young ladies who are her
guests.

—The committee chosen to form a no-
license league will not take any steps
towards organization until after the new
year opens.

—A new candy stand is being built be-
side Corsiglia's new building on Eagle
street where the one stood that was
burned the other week.

—Rev. Dr. Newton of St. Stephen's
church, Pittsfield, has presented to his
parishioners copies of "A String of Son-
nets," which is a collection of verses writ-
ten by the pastor, and which have ap-
peared for the most part in "The Work-
ing Churchman." The booklet is nicely
printed and makes a pleasant holiday
greeting from pastor to people.

—The annual meeting for the election
of officers of United Rebekah lodge was
held last evening. The following officers
were chosen: Noble Grand, Mrs. Adelle
Faulkner; vice-grand, Mrs. Albina But-
terworth; recording secretary, Mrs.
Gertrude Brewer; financial secretary,
Mrs. Eliza Sheldon; treasurer, Mrs.
Anne Harrington; trustee for three years,
Mrs. Emma Billings.

—Herbert D. Childs, who has traveled
for the Leonard Silk company of North-
ampton for eight years, has resigned his
position and after January 1 he will de-
vote his attention the dry goods store in
Saratoga, N. Y., which he bought some
time ago. Mr. Childs has been very suc-
cessful as a traveling salesman and his
friends hope he may be equally so in his
own business.

—The annual election of officers of
North Adams lodge No. 178, A. O. U. W.,
was held last evening. These officers were
elected: P. M. W., W. M. Brown; M. W.,
J. B. Donovan; O., James Brackley; F.,
M. F. McCarthy; financial secretary, T.
F. Grogan; recorder, Edward Bissillon;
recording secretary, J. E. Miller; guide,
John Barrington; representative to grand
lodge, W. M. Brown; alternate, John
Larkin; I. W. Willis D. Vandenberg; O.
W., Daniel O'Connell. The installation
will take place at the next meeting.

Mrs. Byron G. Briggs has returned
from New York city, where she has been
visiting for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Malone have been
spending a few days with friends in North-
ampton.

Sophia Hunter.

Sophia Hunter, aged seventy-six years,
died at her home on Summer street today
at 12.05 o'clock. She had been ill for two
years and her death was not unexpected.

Two years ago she received a shock and
she never fully recovered. Mrs. Hunter
was born in Green River, Vt., and her
maiden name was Shephardson. She came
with her first husband, D. W. Stevens, to
this town over fifty years ago. She was
first married in Green River. Mr. Stevens
died in 1897. About eighteen years ago
she was married to David Hunter of Ben-
nington, Vt., who lived only about seven
years after their marriage. Mrs. Hunter
was a very kind and good woman. She
was well known in this town and had
many friends. She passed the most of
her life here and has for many years been
highly respected by this town's people.

She is survived by three sons, Charles
Stevens of Clarksburg, Samuel Stevens
and Thomas A. Stevens of this town. The
funeral arrangements have not been made.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

In "Christopher, Jr.," John Drew has
the best comedy for the general public that
he has ever played.

What has become of the projected Ameri-
can tour of George Alexander, Leonard
Boyne and other English actors?

The troupe, like Richard, is "him-
self" again. She has made a big hit in a
male character in "Roxolator, Jr."

The weekly salary list of Charles Froh-
man's numerous companies, which in-
clude 408 players, foots up exactly \$31,330.

Now comes the startling rumor that
Sarah Bernhardt contemplates a farewell
tour. Paris apparently hasn't the field all
to herself.

The soulful eyed Julia Arthur has been
asked by Henry Irving to return to Lon-
don with his company, and she has ar-
ranged to do so.

Edythe Rodney, who was one of David
Henderson's cleverest burlesquers, has
been engaged for Canary and Lederer's
—"The Lady Slave."

IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

The Judge Expresses Himself on Illegal
Selling to Minors.

In the court this morning it was re-
ported by Chief Fuller that the young
man Arthur Gagnon for whom a capias
was issued yesterday was nowhere to be
found. The court thereupon delivered a
lecture on its attitude to illegal rum sell-
ing and illegal practices generally. He
expressed himself as strongly as possible
against the selling of liquor by licensed
dealers to minors and declared how he
would punish the offenders when they are
brought before him. He much desires to
have Gagnon found and will have a strong
effort made to that end. The court said
that it had come to his ears that there
was a belief he was more in sympathy
with rum sellers than the dignity of his
office should permit and he wished to
make it known that he is not. Chief
Fuller took occasion to remark that the
young man so much wanted was once in
the presence of the court and that the
court had fixed a bond which proved in-
sufficient to hold him. Mr. Fuller said that
this being so he could not see that the
officers were in any way at fault. From
the temper of the court it could be judged
that the next person held to allow of an
investigation being made would be under
such a bond as those most interested in
his absence would hardly be willing to
pay. Should the young man Gagnon be
apprehended it may not fare well with
him and should he speak when caught it
will not fare well with the saloon keeper
who sold him the liquor.

There was a number of cases in court
this morning. Eugene Jendron was ac-
cused by E. W. Gleason of threatening to
shoot him and his case was continued
until January 3.

John Pierce was accused by the same
complainant of exposing his person and his
case was continued until the same date.

Both these cases arose from the difficul-
ty spoken of in this paper that occurred
Christmas day. It seems that when the
men were ordered from the yard of Mr.
Gleason for the offense Pierce is accused
with that they threatened Mr. Gleason
with their firearms.

The case against Arthur LaBrie for as-
saulting Rudolph LeCuyer was continued
until Monday. LeCuyer has just been
discharged from the hospital, but is not
yet in fit condition to appear in court. It
will be remembered this is the settling of
off the fences that occurred in the Beaver
one night over a smashed wagon when
the question of who should pay the dam-
age arose.

An old case against Eli Belanger for
larceny was continued until the 27th.

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Know not what record it has made in the

other world, but this I do know, that I never was

a mean man to despise a man because he was poor,

because he was ignorant, or because he was black.

—John A. Andrew.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 27, 1895

WILLIAMSTOWN'S OPPORTUNITY.

Williamstown merchants have a grievance,

or, at least, a fancied grievance, against the

new street railroad which connects the college town with our own.

It is said that the easy and frequent conveyance

provided by the electric road is bringing all the trade of Williamstown

and vicinity to our North Adams merchants.

Undoubtedly there is a basis in fact for

this statement. Our merchants here realize that there is an increase of trade

coming to them at present over the new road. The merchants in Williamstown naturally

are solicitous of their own trade and are even overquick, perhaps, to notice

packages and bundles that make their entrance into Williamstown at the terminus of the

electric road at the foot of College Hill.

But it is indeed an "ill wind that blows nobody good," and it is peculiar with

this doesn't blow everybody some good. This applies to the merchants and people

of Williamstown.

In the first place, the new road does

quicken competition. This fact for a time will undoubtedly be to the disadvantage

of Williamstown merchants. But it need not be so long. North Adams

merchants have access to no buying facilities or freight rates that are not open to

Williamstown people. The same push and energy put into business in Williamstown

will count for as much as in North Adams. The advantage of twenty cent

car fare and several hours time is still with the home seller. All that is needed

to keep a trade that naturally desires to stay at home is to meet that trade's

demands equally as well as the competing place meets them.

Not to extend the argument, it comes to the conclusion that Williamstown will

have better stores and shops as a result of this competition, at first disadvantageously

felt. North Adams business bustle will be transferred to Williamstown and the

trade equilibrium restored, at least, in a measure.

Then, too, the favorable possibilities for

Williamstown in the electric road cannot be realized in the first few months of its

operation. We quote from the Transcript of recent date to show what possibilities may be waiting Williamstown in

its closer alliance with North Adams.

We have a belief that Williamstown and

North Adams, working together for the purpose of making Williamstown a

popular and widely known residence place, can give to the delightfully

attractive college town a popularity as a summer and autumn resort that will

exceed that of fashionable Lenox, at the other end of the country. The belief of this will be felt very materially, not only

in that immediate town, but in the towns to the north and in South Williamstown, Hancock and Lanesboro, lying

along that picturesque drive from Williamstown to Pittsfield. It would

not be surprising to see a rattling boom underway in this end of the county

during the coming year.

Such are the practical possibilities now

waiting for development at the hands of Williamstown people. The spirit with

which they accept changed conditions will entirely determine the result. That

town's possibilities of growth and development were never brighter. The people

there owe it to themselves, to Northern Berkshire and even to North Adams, to

accept the opportunity with courage, and take the broad view that the future

presents. When that is done Williamstown merchants and its people in general will

not complain. There will then be more business and more pleasure for us all in Northern Berkshire and an added pride

in our community.

THE NEW TARIFF BILL.

Yesterday the house of representatives

at Washington performed an unprecedented piece of legislative work. In a

single day a revenue bill of immense importance to the business interests of this

country was introduced, debated only several hours and then passed by a vote of

265 to 81.

The new tariff bill is an emergency measure to remain in force only two years

and a half, and has been drafted in response to the president's messages calling

for relief of the treasury. It is not a carefully constructed tariff law. It is a relief

measure for a failing treasury and a substitute for a revenue law that has failed to

give revenue. The Republicans in congress avow their intention to draft a new

bill when a Republican president has been elected who will sign it.

The new revenue law restores sixty per cent of the McKinley rate on first, second

and third class wool, with eleven and twelve cents per pound on first and second

class, and fifty per cent ad valorem on third class. Sixty per cent of the McKinley

rate is added to such wools as the Wilson law did tax. The McKinley

rate is restored on carpets and wooden manufactures. A horizontal increase of

fifteen per cent is made on the present schedule touching chemicals, earthen and glass wares, metal manufactures, tobacco,

agricultural products, spirits and wines, cotton manufactures, silks, paper and pulp,

and all sundries, as leather, buttons, jewelry, etc.

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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

Will the Postoffice be Moved?—Wedding Anniversary.—The Benefit Dance Tonight.

Will the Postoffice be Moved? Although it is not universally known, there is at the present time, considerable speculation as to whether the postoffice is to be removed to the Park street side of the bridge or remain in its present place on Center street.

For many years the town has been divided, in a way, by the Center street bridge, and the south or Center street side was for a long time the business center of the community. Of late, however, local investors have improved and are improving the commercial advantages of Park street to such extent that the bulk of business is drifting to that portion of the village. It is nearer the exact center of population, as nearly four-fifths of the people of Adams live north of the postoffice, which is now on Center street.

Postmaster Smith has yielded to the request of diverse prominent citizens and applied for the power to change the post office from its place in the First National bank block to the new armory building on Park street. A petition of manufacturers, who do two-thirds of the postal business, has been circulated and every manufacturer from Amesbury to the Follett kilns has signed with one exception. The Benfrew company was not approached with the petition, but it is said that they had previously signified their preference for the present site of the office. This petition will be sent to Washington and will have considerable bearing on the request of Postmaster Smith, who sets forth some very good reasons for his desire for change.

It is said that there is to be a remonstrance paper circulated by some one, but it is probable that there are no grounds for this rumor.

The postmaster states that the present quarters are very satisfactory but he is beginning to experience considerable inconvenience through lack of room. The town is increasing daily in population and even now every box in the office is let. There is no room to enlarge the box-frame and something must be done.

The place selected by Mr. Smith for the new home of the office is admirably adapted for it. There are two entrances, through the main hall and the regular door. Above all things, it is very large and the estimation of a majority is an estimable place.

No doubt the change will be effected early next month.

Twenty-five Years Married.

Thursday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Gavin of Springfield street and they celebrated the day in a very pleasant manner. The comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin was the scene of a happy gathering on that evening to assist them in honoring this silver jubilee. At the house, there was music and singing which all enjoyed. At 10 o'clock the younger guests gathered in Herman hall and began dancing, with music by Messrs. Duggan and Barber. A collation was served at the house and after all had partaken thereof, the whole party gathered in the hall, where informal congratulatory remarks were made by Mr. J. Curran and Thomas F. Cassidy for the guests. Dancing was then continued until about 2 o'clock this Friday morning.

Many handsome and valuable presents, mostly of silverware, were received by Mr. and Mrs. Gavin.

They have lived in Adams during the larger portion of their married life, always happily, and can look back upon the past quarter-century with nothing less than supreme pleasure. Mr. Gavin is a contractor of prominence and many artistic structures in town give evidence of his skill as a mechanic. He is a thorough business man, and has hosts of friends, while Mrs. Gavin is a very popular woman and holds a valuable place in the estimation of people who know her.

"The Burglar" Saturday Night. Adams' theatre-goers, although treated to some very good attractions during the present season have failed to see a better production than "The Burglar," Gus Thomas' dramatization of Mrs. Burnett's pleasing story, "Edith's Burglar." The play has been presented here twice, and many of those who saw it before, will be in the audience Saturday night. A. Q. Seamon is a popular actor and is supported by a good company.

Benefit Dance Tonight. The benefit entertainment and dance at the opera house this evening will be well worth attending. J. H. Doyle and Charles Urquhart are clever men with fencing skills and will give a great exhibition, while Jack and Jim Doyle will give an exhibition of scientific boxing, which can hardly be surpassed. Doyle brothers will play for the dance and P. J. Kelher will prompt.

Leo O'Brien has been in Boosick Falls, N. Y., this week as a guest of his sister, Mrs. J. J. Redmond.

CHESHIRE.

Walter Utter, who was married but recently, was given a reception by his sisters. He is the only son in a large family. Four sisters of Bennington Vt., one of Dalton, one of Cheshire and one of Hancock, were present at the home of his father, George W. Utter.

Those here Wednesday from out of town were George Townsend of Lawrence, and Mr. Noyes of Vermont, both shoe makers and foremen of large shops, George Fuller and wife of Springfield, E. Denison and family of Pittsfield and William Jenks and family of Adams.

Miss Spencer of Winsted, Conn., is visiting her mother on Park street.

Albert Farnum is not improving fast, he is still confined to the house.

The sidewalks that have been put in repair by George and Fred C. Brown indicate a public spirit, and there is an opportunity for others to show a hand without much cost.

Miss Edith Long of Virginia was the guest of Mrs. Hattie Farro today.

The Sons of Temperance elected these officers last evening: W. P., Miss Emma Martin; W. A., Mrs. G. M. Bliss; recording scribe, T. H. Reynolds; assistant recording scribe, Silas Ostrander; financial secretary, Stowell Cummings; treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Bryant; conductor, A. T. Viner; assistant conductor, Mrs. E. Lockwood; inside sentinel, F. Bliss; outside sentinel, A. Leonard; chaplain, R. T. Brown; organist, Miss Ella Hull. This order is in a flourishing condition.

H. C. Bowen & Son are repairing their mill which was damaged by fire last March.

Plowing is going on among some of the farmers. There is no frost in the ground in these parts.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Miss Elizabeth Smith is visiting friends in Springfield and Worcester.

John H. Safford of Brookline is in town.

W. S. Cooper is in Pawtucket, R. I., transacting business for a Chicago firm.

E. L. Watson is making changes in his counters. His lunch counter is now next to the fountain fixtures. This will make easier John Goodrich's task of opening the refrigerator.

W. E. Hoyt, who is spending the winter in Albany, was in the village Thursday.

Miss Millie Kraft has gone to Chatham, N. Y., for one week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Moore and daughter have returned from Chatham. Mr. Moore has been away about one month.

Workmen have repaired the sunken track on Southworth avenue.

The various officers nominated were elected by the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday.

The notice for the First Congregational church parish meeting for January 1st, 1896, appears on front door of church. Preparations for the annual church dinner have commenced.

New arm chairs have been placed in the electric cars waiting room in C. D. Brown's block.

E. P. Hopkins post 209, G. A. R., are to have a rousing campfire on the evening of January 1st, 1896. All associate members of the post are invited, also the comrades and associates of C. D. Sanford post 79.

The evening entertainment will consist of vocal and instrumental music, speaking by some of the prominent members, story telling, swapping lies, etc. During the evening coffee and hard tack will be served in army style. All members of the order are invited.

Walter C. Perry, a manufacturer of Ansonia, Conn., is visiting his father, Dr. A. S. Perry.

John S. Adriance is in town.

W. S. Cooper of Chicago, formerly a resident of Williamstown is spending Christmas vacation at his mother's residence on Spring street.

H. L. Towne and wife of Worcester are at Abner Towne's house. Mr. Towne is instructor in gymnastics in Worcester academy.

Arthur W. Hunt has opened a five and ten cent counter on Spring street.

The children's festival at the Congregational church Christmas eve was a great success. Refreshments did not fail, as often is the case.

The children trained by Prof. J. W. Lawrence for the Santa Claus junior cantata Christmas eve gave a fine performance and were a credit to their instructor.

W. O. Adams is preparing to erect a building north of his present house on Southworth avenue. Its purpose will be known later.

Elmer Walden is better, though unable to do much work at present.

Miss Jennie Prindle is visiting her parents.

Damon E. Hall has gone to Newark, N. J., as the guest of F. W. Memmott, class of '95 Williams college.

Prof. H. W. Smith of Princeton university is in town for the holidays.

BLACKINTON.

Milton H. Potter has moved his family to North Adams.

Miss Ella Washburne is visiting friends in Boston.

Station Agent Stiglich will occupy the tenement vacated by M. H. Potter.

There is to be a football game on the ball grounds Saturday between Adams and Blackinton.

One of the attractions at Father Mather hall next Tuesday evening when the North Adams Dramatic company will present the powerful drama, "Captain Jack," will be the specialty work of William Smith. Mr. Smith is a fine comedian and last season was with Hallen & Hart in "Water On."

The annual election of officers of the Y. M. M. I. society was held last night in their rooms and the following board of officers was elected: President, William Uncles; vice president, Frederick G. Thomas; treasurer, John A. Hughes; secretary, Augustus Darling. The society expects to celebrate its first anniversary in the near future.

The Christmas music prepared by the choir of the Blackinton Union church will be rendered next Sabbath and will consist of the following selections:

Organ voluntary—Alleluia chorus.....
Anthem—"The Gloria".....Mozart
These were Shepherd's.....Alfred R. Gaul
Ariele Shiner For thy Light is Come.....
.....F. C. Maher
Organ postlude—Coronation march.....Wagner
Soleils by Edw. Hughes and Wm. S. Archer.

Rev. Mr. Penney will administer the communion on this occasion.

The annual election of officers of the Union Sabbath school will take place next Sabbath.

The local candidate for school committee lost his election, but he saved his self-respect, and the boys got the cigars all the same.

AMUSEMENTS.

An Exceptional Play. Gus Thomas' play, "The Burglar," which will be seen at the Columbia to night, takes a position in the front rank of comedy drama, and will easily hold its place with the very best of plays. It is a play which the most fastidious, the most exacting could view without offence, and merits the successful run which it is having. The sentiment of the play is true to nature, and on that account not only interesting, but instructive as well, and can be properly called, in the hands of the excellent company, a dramatic treat. Those who see this excellent play tonight will enjoy one of the best dramatic attractions of the season.

One Great Long Laugh. Laughter will be on top at the Columbia opera house Monday night, Dec. 30, and will be dealt out in good old fashioned slapstick doses by Agnes Harnden and her clever company of comedians both male and female. The play in which these really clever people will be seen is a farce on the order of "Charles's Aunt," "The Gay Parisians," etc. and is simply one great long laugh. It is called "Captain Kate or a Night's Frolic" and takes its name from its central character—Lady Kate Vane who in consequence of her valor and doings her managerial ability and goaded-tiresomeness is called by her intimates "Captain Kate." The play deals with the love affairs of two young people who regard marriage as an episode but find it late. The action of the play is punctuated by witty sayings, bright speeches, funny situations and comical complications, and laughter reigns supreme throughout the entire performance. The company supporting Miss Harnden comprises artists of acknowledged ability only and make on the whole an aggregation second to none on the road.

WILL BE NO WAR.

Would Be a Case of Political Suicide For England to Attempt It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Professor Rudolph Cronau, the distinguished German geographer and historian, is in Washington as the American representative of the Cologne Gazette. In answer to the question:

"In case war should result between England and the United States, would Germany or any other power support England?"

He said: "Most certainly not. There is a difference between a feeling of sympathy and furnishing soldiers to fight England's battles in this particular case. Germany now shows sympathy with England because it takes all information about the English Venezuelan frontier from English sources only."

As soon as Germany is aware that England is not going to fight for Venezuela I trust to the German love of justice to bring national sympathy wholly on the side of Venezuela. According to its present understanding, Germany has no interest in the Monroe doctrine. Germany has no colonies in America, and no interest there.

"But Germany has very extensive commercial interests in America and will not risk them to support England and pull chestnuts out of the fire for that selfish nation. I hardly believe that England will gain the support of any European nation."

As far as I know the spirit of the American people will defend their country to the last drop of blood, and convert every yacht and every schooner into a vessel of war, as they did 100 years ago.

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The citizens of Pittsburg received \$150,000 as a Christmas gift from C. L. Mages and his associates in the Fort Pitt Street Railway company. The money is to be used in the establishment of a zoological garden.

For the week ending Dec. 21 there were 97 cases of cholera and 33 deaths from that disease at St. Petersburg, and for the week ending Dec. 7 there were 74 cases and 40 deaths from cholera in the province of Volhynia.

The health of Captain Evans, commander of the battleship Indiana, who has been laid up with inflammatory rheumatism, is so far improved that he has gone on board his ship and taken formal command of her.

Russia is said to be trying to buy the island of Palo War, off the northwest end of Sumatra, from the Dutch, for a coaling station for her Pacific fleet. It would be dangerously near the entrance to the Straits of Malacca, and thus would threaten British commerce between India and China and Australia.

Steven Ross, the greatest possum hunter in Ohio, died at Massillon at the age of 108. He was freed from slavery in Virginia. His ghost stories were celebrated, and he trotted a lot of grown-up Massillon upon his knee. He had a formula for cooking possum, the important feature of which was the vegetable which he used over the boiling mass, that was almost as famous as his talent for spectral stories.

Did You Ever Try Electric Filters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a powerful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Filters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1 at Burlingtons & Barstow drug store.

IN INSOLVENCY. Notice of Second Meeting. The undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of LEAH W. PATON of North Adams, in the County of Berkshire, and in the State of Massachusetts, at the Court of the Superior Court of the County of Berkshire, at North Adams, on the seventh day of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which meeting creditors may present and prove their claims. Dated December 23d, A. D. 1895. Assignee.

No. 3492. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE WILLIAMSTOWN NATIONAL BANK AT WILLIAMSTOWN, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 13, 1895.

ASSETS.

Loans and discounts, \$128,000.00
Overdrafts secured and unsecured, 117.44
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 17,000.00
Building House, Furniture, Fixtures, Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents), 1.30
Due from approved reserve agents, 5,182.21
Checks and other cash items, 888.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, 208.13
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: Specie, 6,880.35
Legal-tender notes, 2,100.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 565.00

Total, \$176,729.51

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00
Surplus fund, 9,500.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid, 5,270.33
National Bank notes outstanding, 11,800.00
Due to other National Banks, 1,346.48
Due to State Banks and Bankers, 61.81
Dividend on stock, 1,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check, 97,938.04
Demand certificates of deposit, 9,050.70

Total, \$176,729.51

Estate of Charles S. Cole, County of Berkshire, as: J. Charles S. Cole, assignee of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

CHARLES S. COLE, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of December, 1895.
CLARENCE N. SMITH, Notary Public.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

(Special Despatch to the Transcript.)



Boston,
Dec. 27, 12 Noon.
Washington, Fore-
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Rain, warmer
tonight, colder to-
morrow, southerly winds
becoming north-
westerly.

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Umbrellas, Choice Handles.
Silk Covered Pillows.
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Ladies Pocketbooks.
Embroidered Bureau Sats.
Embroidered Table Covers.
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Wool Dress Patterns.

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city to which we would call particu-
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closing out prices. Everyone a
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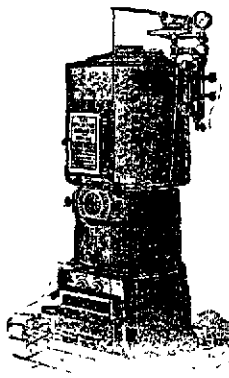
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IN ARMENIA'S BEHALF.

Easton Business Men Take Steps To-
ward Raising \$500,000.

New England Cities Will Be
Asked to Co-operate.

Money Will Be Turned Over to Red Cross So-
ciety to Distribute.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—A meeting of repre-
sentative business men of this city was
held last night to consider what measures
should be taken to support the American
National Red Cross society in its proposed
work of taking immediate relief to the
Armenians in Turkey. The meeting was
called by H. H. Boglian of the Boston
Armenian Relief Committee. As a result
of the meeting, it was decided that steps
will be taken toward raising \$500,000. Meetings
will be held in this city to further the
work, and relief committees will be estab-
lished in all large New England cities.

Mr. Boglian presided at the conference
last night. In opening, he spoke of his
interviews with Secretary Olney and Miss
Clara Barton, at Washington, and mem-
bers of congress. The general opinion
was that the Red Cross society was the
only available channel of relief.

Jonathan A. Lane said that the work
should be initiated on a large scale. The
business men of the city, he said, were
ready to respond to a citizens' movement.

Rev. E. G. Porter, chairman of the Bos-
ton Armenian relief committee, reported
that there had already been remitted to
Turkey \$14,333.81 without any expense.
He read a letter from Miss Barton ex-
plaining the situation, and also letters
from the Armenian relief committees in
New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and
other large cities. Mr. Porter exhibited a
map of Armenia, showing the sites of 43
massacres in Turkey in red.

Mr. Clement said that the Red Cross
needed help at once, that the business men
of Boston ought to do all that is asked for.

Deaths From Starvation.
Philip Moon, chairman of the Worcester
relief committee, told of the relief
work in Worcester, which had the largest
Armenian colony in the country. He said
that reliable reports from Armenia in-
dicated that there were hundreds of thou-
sands of people destitute and with little
to live on until next harvest. He said
many were dying from starvation daily,
and that the people of Boston should re-
spond generously to the appeal of the
committee. The porte, he said, contin-
ually sought to offset facts by false and
damaging stories about the Armenians.
Our people should be on their guard
against these stories.

R. H. Stearns thought the appeal should
be made at New England business centers.
The mayors, he thought, should lead off
and the people would follow.

Richard C. Humphreys and Mr. Wilder
also made short addresses in favor of doing
something immediately.

S. S. Blanchard believed that the com-
mittee should issue circulars and acquaint
the people with the true state of affairs in
Turkey.

J. S. Paine said that the business houses
must take the lead, and favored pushing
the work right away.

Rev. Arthur Little, D.D., believed in
having a committee in every New Eng-
land city to explain the situation in all its
details and urge the people to come to the
assistance of the unfortunate people.

Winthrop Martin believed the Boston
newspapers would assist the committee in
every way possible.

A committee was appointed to wait on
the mayor, in company with the relief com-
mittee, to make arrangements for a public
meeting. The committee will co-operate
with similar committees, which, it is ex-
pected, will be chosen from business men
in other New England cities.

HELD ON SUSPICION.

Thomas Noonan Believed to Know Something
About McNally's Death.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 27.—Thomas Noonan,
famously called "Shiner," is detained by
the police while the investigation into the
death of James McNally goes on. Medi-
cal Examiner Palmer held an autopsy
yesterday, and gave an opinion that Mc-
Nally died of suffocation, the wounds in-
flamed on his head not being of sufficient
severity to produce death. The last blow
which had produced brain congestion,
which was present in a small degree, but
the bruises and cuts were superficial. Suffo-
cation was produced by the position in
which McNally was found, his body being
jammed against the building while his
head was pressed on his breast so tightly
that contraction of the respiratory organs
and closing of the windpipe followed.

Noonan says he met McNally in a saloon
Wednesday afternoon, and invited him to
go to the theater in the evening. Mc-
Nally said he had no money, but accepted
the invitation on Noonan offering to buy
the tickets. After the theater they walked
to a North Main street saloon, and in
there Noonan says a smooth-faced young
man opened the door and beckoned to
McNally. The latter went out immediately,
and Noonan, although quickly fol-
lowing, could find no trace of either.

Noonan says he went out to a dance
hall and remained until 2 o'clock. Mc-
Nally had not drunk anything during the
evening. Noonan saw that a man had
been murdered on reading the morning
papers, and recognizing the description,
went to the morgue and identified the
body. Noonan has not yet satisfactorily
explained his whereabouts between 10:30
and 12 o'clock, the time of his leaving the
theater and arrival at the dance hall.

Proposes to Evict Prisoners.

PARIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—There was some
excitement here yesterday over a new com-
pilation in moving the county seat to
South Paris. When workmen were mov-
ing the furniture from the old courthouse,
Horace M. Cummings forbade the re-
moval of any permanent fixtures, and no-
tified the county commissioners that the
prisoners must be removed from the old
jail at once, although the new jail is not
ready. The deed which gave the land for
a county seat contains the proviso that,
whenever the buildings cease to be used
for court purposes, the land and buildings
shall revert to the grantor or his heirs.
Mr. Cummings is one of the heirs, and
asserts that the property now belongs to
the heirs, as courts have ceased here.

Will Resist Payment of Policy.

HARTFORD, Dec. 27.—The Travelers' In-
surance company of this city has received
a copy of the complaint in the suit of Julia
Ging, sister of Catherine Ging, to recover
the amount of the accident insurance
which was issued in favor of Catherine
Ging, and assigned by her to Harry Hag-
yard, who instigated her murder at
Minneapolis. The policy was for \$5000,
and was issued in November, 1894. The
company at no time has recognized the
validity of the claim as presented, either
by Hayward or the Ging estate. It will
resist the payment to the last.

Unfit For Occupancy.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Professor G. F. Swain
reported to the board of aldermen and ex-
cuses committee yesterday that the old portion
of the state house on Beacon hill is unsafe,
and public safety imperatively demands
that the interior of the building should be
reconstructed without delay. Professor

Swain speaks of the building as a fire-trap
of the worst kind. The walls have in-
superable openings. He is led to the con-
clusion that it would not be prudent to
reconstruct the building as a fire-proof
structure, utilizing the present founda-
tions.

No Pardon For Ham.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The executive council
yesterday formally rejected the applica-
tion for a pardon for ex-Alderman W. W.
Ham of Haverhill, now serving sentence
for "boodling." The prisoner claimed he
was suffering from consumption, and that
his confinement aggravated the disease;
but a physician reported to the council
that an examination failed to confirm the
consumption plea.

Higginson Sues For Divorce.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Francis L. Higginson
has filed in the Suffolk county superior
court a bill for divorce against Julia
Borland Higginson, who eloped in Novem-
ber last with James W. Smith. Mr. Ropes,
Gray & Loring are counsel for Mr. Higgin-
son, and the bill is returnable the first
Monday in February. Mr. Higginson in
his bill states that he was married to his
wife Feb. 16, 1870.

Dropped Dead.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—George F. McPhilly
was found unconscious in a doorway on
Kilby street last night, and died soon af-
ter. Heart failure was the cause of death.
Mrs. Susan A. Briggs dropped dead on
Dudley street last night from apoplexy.
Andrew Coffey, 70 years old, of East Bos-
ton, while carrying the ferry last night,
was attacked with heart trouble and died
in a few minutes.

A Substantial Starter.

TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—The man-
agers of the Taunton hospital are trying to
raise funds enough to erect an addition to
the building for various purposes. On
Christmas day a citizen, who desires his
name should not be used, sent the man-
agers his check for \$5000 as a starter.

New England Briefs.

A receiver will be appointed for the Bay
State Mutual Insurance company.
Christmas arrests this year in Boston
were 404, as against 432 for last year.
George Orr of Stillwater, Me., has been
missing from his home since Thursday of
last week.

William Turner of West Fitchburg,
Mass., aged 8, was instantly killed by an
electric car at West Fitchburg.

Detectives and police are aiding in the
search for Frederick E. Anthony of Providence,
who disappeared in Boston.

Rev. J. J. Henderson of Palmyra, N. Y.,
has decided to return to his home in the
East. Washington Avenue Baptist church
at Bridgeport, Conn.

Warren J. Torrance, a lad of 13, while
stealing a rifle on the New England freight
train at River Point, R. I., fell under the
wheels, and died shortly afterward.

The Fall River (Mass.) city council
voted an additional appropriation of \$25,-
000 for a state armory, making the total
appropriation for this purpose \$150,000.

Schooner Nellie Clark is ashore on
Southwest reef, Point Mansuet island, bound
for Newport, Me., to New York with a
cargo of lumber. She will be a total loss.

Fred Williams, the colored man who
was shot at South Manchester, Conn., by
Thomas Ryan, who afterward committed
suicide, will probably recover. Ryan was
crazy.

The first consignment of angle iron for
the new torpedo boat to be built by the
Hereschoffs at Bristol, R. I., from
Pittsburg. The metal is similar to that
used in the Defender.

The annual convention of the Maine
Pedagogical society opened at Bangor
last night. Dr. Martin delivered an address
on American education, and a reception to
the visitors was held.

The libel suit brought by Harrison H.
Atwood, congressman from the Tenth
Massachusetts district, against Frederick
W. Peabody, a former opponent, was
brought to trial at Boston.

The building records of Bellows Falls,
Vt., and suburbs show 31 dwellings erected
the past year, costing \$81,000. The capital
expended in improvements of manufactur-
ing interests aggregates about \$55,000.

President Adams of the Boston, Revere
Beach and Lynn railroad denies that that
system will be electrically equipped im-
mediately. The success of the experi-
ments made elsewhere must be determined
prior to changes on this road.

A party of nearly 100 representatives of
the dry goods and millinery trade of New
England left Boston for a 10 days' ex-
cursion to the Atlanta exposition and other
southern points. It was the largest ex-
cursion of the kind that has left New Eng-
land for the Atlanta exposition.

The trial of Martin Dalton, charged
with the murder of Anthony Haswell,
will begin next Monday at Providence.
The murder occurred July 19, 1892, and
"Yankee" Dan Sullivan, who was con-
victed for participation in the crime, was
given a life sentence. Dalton was charged
at Atlanta, where he was arrested last sum-
mer.

May Go on Venezuelan Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—President Cleve-
land has asked these men to serve on the
Venezuelan high commission: Edward
J. Phelps of Vermont, ex-minister to
England, and Robert T. Lincoln of Illi-
nois, ex-minister to England. The third
will not be tendered to anyone until Mr.
Phelps and Mr. Lincoln have accepted.
The third member is likely to be one of
the associate justices of the United States
supreme court, probably either Justice
Brewer or Justice Brown.

William Orders a Schooner.

GOOROCK, Scot., Dec. 27.—The Emperor
of Germany has ordered a first-class racing
schooner of Watson. Henderson will
build her, and have her ready for the
racing of next year. She will carry an im-
mense rig—49,000 square feet of canvas.
The hull dimensions are being kept secret.

Frisco Firm Shut Out.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary Her-
bert yesterday formally awarded to the
Newport News company of Virginia the
contract for building both of the new bat-
tleships, for one of which the Union Iron
works of San Francisco was a competitor.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Patton & Co., lumber firm of Albany,
assigned.

A mob of Russian Jews stoned a Catho-
lic school in Chicago.

The disabled Northern Pacific steamer
Strathveia reached Port Townsend.

Dr. Marmoreck of the Pasteur Institute
claims to have made valuable serum dis-
coveries.

Patrolman John F. Desmond heroically
rescued Captain Thomas Thompson of
the tug Robena from drowning.

Schooner St. Vincent, which left St.
John's, N. F., 16 days ago, bound for
Oderin, Placentia bay, has been posted as
lost.

The Anchor line steamship Furnessia,
which sailed from New York for Glas-
gow, Dec. 12, is still unreported at Mo-
ville.

Hannibal A. Williams and Miss Jean
S. Brown, Shakespearian readers, were
married at the bride's country home in
Shushan, N. Y.

Much destitution is reported from dif-
ferent parts of the Newfoundland coast,
and calls are being made upon the gov-
ernment for relief.

MARCH OF INSURGENTS

Bringing Them Nearer and Nearer to
the Capital of Cuba.

Said to Be Fully Supplied
With Ammunition.

Both Sides Realize That the Crisis Is Now
Close at Hand.

HABANA, Dec. 27.—The last news of the
movements of the Spanish columns was
that they were heading for Guanabana,
the last headquarters evacuated by Cam-
pos, situated not far from Matanzas.

The fact is that so many announcements
of the defeat and retreat of the insurgents
have been made that it will require strong
confirmation to make anyone believe that
such is an actual fact. When the insur-
gents first entered the province of Santa
Clara, it was announced that they had
been defeated with great loss and had re-
treated across the border. But the next
news received from the frontier was that
the Cuban army were threatening Pin-
celes, more than half way between the
border and the capital of Santa Clara, and
since then they have apparently pushed
onward with little or no interruption.

On the other hand, Campos has actually
retreated from Santa Clara to Cienfuegos,
Falmilins, Colon, Jovellanos, Limonare,
Guanabana, Matanzas, and, finally, to
Havana. There is no denying this, for
Campos is now in Havana.

The absence of news of the movements
of the insurgents is causing some anxiety
among their friends here, but they claim
Gomez and Maceo are in possession of the
railroad and telegraph wires, and that it
was with difficulty that Campos succeeded
in reaching Havana Christmas night. Be-
cause that may be, the only news obtainable
is that furnished by rumor, and if the
authorities are in possession of any ad-
ditional facts, all such matter is carefully
suppressed.

In the meantime, active preparations
are being made here for the defense of the
city, and for forwarding to the front all
the troops which can be spared. It is un-
derstood that the Spanish columns in the
rear of the insurgent army have been or-
dered to concentrate.

As Quickly as Possible
about the frontier of Matanzas, and that
every effort is to be made to prevent the
retreat of the Cubans into Santa Clara.

While these preparations are being made
to apparently stop the insurgents from
escaping back into Santa Clara, the land
fortifications of Havana are receiving at-
tention day and night. A number of ad-
ditional earthworks have been thrown up
during the last month also, and these are
being hastily completed and supplied
with guns as rapidly as possible. The
magazines are being plentifully supplied
with ammunition, and the outposts of the
Spanish troops around Havana are being
strengthened and more securely fortified.

There is an air of hurry and anxiety
about the different headquarters here
which does not seem to indicate that the
supreme authorities are in any way sat-
isfied that the insurgents are retreating,
and if military activity goes for anything,
the most determined efforts are being
made to prevent a surprise.

The insurgents, when last heard from,
were well to the westward of Matanzas,
and threatening to capture the railroad
lines. Shortly afterward, all news from
the front was suddenly shut off, and a few
hours later Campos arrived here, after
having been driven from town to town by
the victorious insurgents.

There is considerable speculation here
as to the actual number of men under the
command of Gomez and Maceo. The

highest estimates have it that the Cuban
army numbers 12,000 men, while the low-
est number of followers of the insurgent
leaders are credited with having under
their command is 6000.

It is to be presumed, however, that
Gomez and Maceo may have 10,000 men
with them, as they are known to have
been joined by large numbers of adherents
since they entered the province of Matan-
zas. The insurgents have also been plenti-
fully supplied with ammunition, said to
have been stored for their use at different
points and accumulated and hidden for
months past.

In order to enable as many troops as
possible to be sent to the front, all the
marines and sailors who could be spared
from the Spanish fleet have been landed,
and the former are now doing duty as ar-
tillery men wherever their services are
needed. All the volunteers available are
under arms, and every male inhabitant
capable of doing active service or of find-
ing somebody else to do it for him has
been or is being called on to bear arms.

A conservative estimate of the force at
the disposal here of General Campos has
been made and it is estimated that he has
20,000 regulars and about 40,000 volunteers
with which to meet the insurgent army.
But the Spanish regulars and volunteers
are scattered over a large expanse of forts
and fortifications, composing the defenses
of Havana, and when the brilliant achieve-
ment of Gomez and Maceo in passing
through the many Spanish columns, said to
number from 40,000 to 50,000 men, in the
province of Santa Clara and Matanzas,
is taken into consideration, there is some
justification for the belief of the friends of
the insurgent cause that it will not be
long before Gomez and Maceo are outside
of Havana. This, however, is ridiculed by
the Spanish authorities here.

News From the Front
seems to be interrupted by both rail and
telegraph, for, in any case, no information
is obtainable concerning the movements
of the insurgents.

This was the state of affairs late yester-
day afternoon, and although General
Campos upon his arrival here announced
that the Spanish troops in Matanzas and
other advantageous positions, and that
the Cubans would either be compelled to
fight a pitched battle in that province or
surrender, it is not generally believed here
that the march of Gomez and Maceo upon
Havana has really been completely stop-
ped, and that they are in retreat.

In support of this it is said that
Gomez and Maceo were really retreating,
the government would not be slow in
making public every item of news obtain-
able concerning this feature of the
hitherto triumphant march of the insur-
gents from the province of Puerto Prin-
cipe, through the province of Santa Clara,
into the province of Havana, in spite of
the numerous columns of Spanish troops
in the territory traversed.

The last news of the movements of the
Spanish columns was that they were head-
ing for Guanabana, the last headquarters
evacuated by Campos, situated not far
from Matanzas.

The statue of Ole Bull, which the Scan-
dinavians of Minnesota are to erect in
Minneapolis, is being modeled by Fjelde,
the Scandinavian sculptor, of that city.

The chief of police of Jamestown, N. Y.,
started in to interfere in a 10-round go
between Frank Morahan and one Ward,
and was promptly thrown out of the ring.

John H. Husted, a mining man, said to
be worth \$300,000, committed suicide at
Denver. The suicide is supposed to have
been occasioned by despondency, due to
sickness.

The Ohio coal miners' convention, called
to consider whether companies owning
stores shall pay 5 cents more a ton than
companies paying cash, is in session at
Columbus, O.

Brigantine Buda of St. John, N. B.,
bound for Buenos Ayres, was sighted,
bottom side up, off Georges. The entire
crew of seven or eight men are believed to
have perished.

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